

BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Meeting of May 4, 2023
Hybrid Meeting Via Zoom and In-Person
Council Chamber, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, Washington

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Benson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Deady, Smith, Douglass, Mulvihill, de Leon (Zoom), Jones

ABSENT: Councilmember Page (excused)

Staff present: Mona Davis, Community Development Director; Scott Hanis, Public Works Director; Jamey Kiblinger, Police Chief; David Linehan, City Attorney; Rob Reed, IS Manager; and Jake Kapsandy, IT Staff.

READING OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Councilmember de Leon **moved** to approve the agenda; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

Gary Davis, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Gary Jones, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Renee Mix, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Angela Fettig, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Kelly Sauskojus, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Bill Bryant, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Lisa Winters, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Jacqueline Banks, Unincorporated King County.

Tricia Hudson, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

James Banks, Unincorporated South King County spoke to Council.

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Wendy Olmsted, Lake Sawyer spoke to Council.

APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation – Rainier Foothills Wellness Foundation

Sara Stratton, Rainier Foothills Wellness Foundation Executive Director presented to Council a mid-year program update on the in school licensed mental health counseling.

Presentation - Enumclaw Youth Empowered Coalition

LouAnn Sawyer, Community Coalition Coordinator for the Enumclaw School District shared information, statistics, and ways to support the Enumclaw Youth Empowered Coalition. She gave background information on the Community Prevention Wellness Initiative grant the Enumclaw School District was awarded in 2021 and noted the goal is to provide substance abuse prevention services and strategies through local coalition.

1) AB23-018 – Confirming the Mayor’s Appointment of Renee Cooke to the Civil Service Commission

Councilmember Mulvihill **moved** to confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Renee Cooke to the Black Diamond Civil Service Commission Position #2; said term to expire on December 31, 2024; **second** Councilmember Smith. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Deady **moved** to approve the Consent Agenda; **second** Councilmember Smith. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

2) Claim Checks – May 4, 2023, Check No. 52885 through Check No. 52927 in the amount of \$572,082.76

3) Minutes –Work Session of April 13, 2023, and Council Meeting of April 20, 2023

4) AB23-019 – Resolution Approving Tammaron Final Plat

5) AB23-020 – Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Two Speed Alert 24 Radar/Message Signs

6) AB23-021 – Resolution Authorizing Amendment to the 21-23 Ecology Capacity Grant Agreement

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

7) AB23-022 – Resolution Authorizing Contract with Quinn Thomas, LLC for Communication and Marketing Services

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 23-1544, authorizing the Mayor to execute a consultant agreement with Quinn Thomas, LLC for communication and marketing services; **second** Councilmember Mulvihill. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Judkins reported the continuing challenges with the aid car and stated that the reserve engine is no longer serviceable. She suggested that they transfer one of their two reserve engines back to the city since we are currently borrowing one from Puget Sound Fire but have no backup. The lead time to obtain the new aid car will be 18-24 months.

Public Works - Brock Deady reported that the new aluminum stairs and handicap ramp have been installed at the city gym.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Benson reported that there were three interviews for Finance Director, and one is coming back for a second interview on Monday.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Smith reported the importance of the continued funding of resources in the schools to support kids that struggle with anxiety, depression, PTSD, and other mental struggles.

Councilmember Mulvihill reported the introduction of a proclamation to recognize and honor citizens of Black Diamond that have given their time to improve our community and proclaimed May 11th as Helen Bittner day.

Councilmember de Leon reported her concerns in reference to comments from tonight regarding wake surfing, paying for growth in fire and police, a levy lift, portable housing, filling the city administrator position, and parks and green space. She thanked everyone that took the time to speak about issues they are passionate about.

Councilmember Jones reported that regarding Councilmember de Leon's comments, it would be great to have some type of at a glance dashboard to monitor how well we are doing and what we still need to work on. He shared that at an Association of Washington

Cities Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion lunch and learn he attended, it was interesting to hear the journeys of other cities and how they are adopting programs and policies to support diversity, equity, and inclusion in their communities. He expressed his thoughts to partner with marine patrol regarding the wake surfing, the need to have ideas to raise retail tax revenue and to start talking about ideas for economic development.

Councilmember Deady reported there is one lateral policed officer position open, and we have a grant for life jackets and new police radios came in. She shared that the DARE program will continue this year and on May 20th there will be a Coffee with a Cop. She stated that a mixed survey came in on wake surfing and there is a huge process for the Council to go through before making any ordinance. She suggested a work study to go over everything.

Councilmember Douglass reported that one of the items on the consent agenda tonight was tools that should help mitigate the pain for traffic that we're going to see with construction on Hwy 169 and he thanked those that attended this meeting and for bringing solutions not just sharing opinions, as this is very helpful.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mario Sorci, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Geoff Bowie, Black Diamond spoke to Council.

Kristen Bryant, Bellevue spoke to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: To discuss with Legal Counsel potential litigation in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

At 9:45 p.m. Mayor Benson announced that Council would be going into executive session to discuss with Legal Counsel potential litigation in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The executive session was anticipated to last approximately 30 minutes with no action to follow.

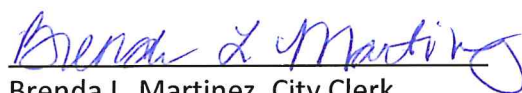
Mayor Benson called the meeting back to order at 10:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Smith **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Deady. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0). The meeting ended at 10:16 p.m.

ATTEST:


Carol Benson, Mayor


Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk